

Before the Federal Communication Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM
(LPFM) Broadcast Service

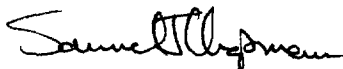
FCC RM-9242

Comments of Samuel J. Chapman

As large corporate media organizations expand in their efforts to increase profits, radio listeners find increasingly that listening formats decrease in diversity. While pursuit of financial gains is to be encouraged, it should not be at the expense of the public good. Under current FCC guidelines, individuals and organizations of limited financial resources have very little access to the public airwaves, being unable to compete in the auctioning process with large media corporations. This means that roughly eighty percent of American citizens do not have adequate access to the broadcast airwaves that are PUBLIC PROPERTY. Clearly, current FCC guidelines are not adequately protecting or serving the public good.

FCC RM-9242 addresses this unacceptable disparity in broadcast access. Within the guidelines of this rule change proposal, small businesses, communities and individuals would gain fair access to PUBLIC PROPERTY which has thus far effectively been reserved for only the most affluent. Furthermore, current listening formats would necessarily improve as the large media corporations would at last be facing market competition. As stressed by all public officials, increased competition benefits EVERYONE.

Therefore, as a citizen of the United States of America, I insist that the Federal Communication Commission FULLY adopt the proposed rule changes outlined in FCC RM-9242. Any changes to the proposal that further benefits large corporate media interests, especially decreases in power output allowances or the auctioning of broadcast licenses for low power FM stations, are direct attacks upon the interests of the public good. As earlier stated, increased competition benefits everyone; allowing all citizens of the United States fair access to PUBLIC PROPERTY is in the best interests of the public good.



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